

Appl. No. 10/807,853
Amdt. dated October 29, 2004
Reply to Office action of Aug. 6, 2004

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 3 and 20 have been canceled, without prejudice, claims 1, 4, 6, 15, 18, 21, 23 and 32 have been amended. The Examiner's indication that claims 3, 5, 7-17, 20, 22 and 24-34 contain allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 4, 6, 15, 18, 21, 23 and 32 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to correct this deficiency. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 18, 19, 21 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bando (U.S. 4,228,617) in view of Pedrini (U.S. 2003/0092359).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claim 3. The allowable subject matter from claim 3 is not taught or suggested in either Bando or Pedrini. Thus, since neither Bando nor Pedrini teach the feature abrading discs have undercut grooves for reception and fixing of profile rails which form a part of the elongated abrasive elements, said grooves preferably extend in a mainly radial direction on a face of the abrading disc, as recited in amended claim 1, the cited references do not render claim 1 obvious. Claims 2, 4 and 6 depend directly from claim 1 and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1. Thus, dependent claims 2, 4 and 6 are patentable for at least the same reasons as given above for the independent claim 1.

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claim 20. The allowable subject matter from claim 20 is not taught or suggested in either Bando or Pedrini. Thus, since neither Bando nor Pedrini teach the feature abrading discs have undercut grooves for reception and fixing of profile rails which form a part of the elongated abrasive elements, said grooves

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preferably extend in a mainly radial direction on a face of the abrading disc, as recited in amended claim 18, the cited references do not render claim 18 obvious. Claims 19, 21 and 23 depend directly from claim 18 and therefore include all the limitations of claim 18. Thus, dependent claims 19, 21 and 23 are patentable for at least the same reasons as given above for the independent claim 18.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1, 2, 4, 6 18, 19, 21 and 23.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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